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1. AFTER CONFIRMING THAT ISSUE OF COMMERCIAL DELETION FROM U.S. BORDER TV STATIONS HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED BETWEEN SECRETARY KISSINGER AND EXTAFF MINISTER JAMIESON IN BRUSSELS, ECON COUNSELOR INQUIRED OF JOHN SHARPE (DIRECTOR, USA DIVISION, EXTAFF) WHEN WE MIGHT EXPECT GOC'S RESPONSE. SHARPE SAID ON DECEMBER 15 THAT MATTER WAS UNDER VERY ACTIVE CONSIDERATION AND HE HOPED GOC WOULD BE ABLE TO INSTRUCT CANADIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON TO CONVEY GOC POSITION TO DEPARTMENT BEFORE END OF WEEK. LATE ON DECEMBER 16 SHARPE TELEPHONED EMBASSY TO RETRACT HIS STATEMENT OF PREVIOUS DAY, SAYING THAT CABINET HAD FAILED TO GET TO THIS ITEM ON ITS AGENDA AT ITS WEEKLY THURSDAY MEETING. SHARPE SAID HE COULD NOT PREDICT WHEN CABINET WOULD ACT BUT HE HOPED IT WOULD BE AT NEXT WEEK'S MEETING.

2. ECON COUNSELOR EXPRESSED SOME SURPRISE AT DELAY AND SAID IT HAD BEEN OUR IMPRESSION THAT GOC HAD AGREED ON ITS POSITION BEFORE JAMIESON'S DEPARTURE FOR BRUSSELS. SHARPE SAID MINISTERS MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED HAD REACHED A MEETING OF THE MINDS BUT
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POSITION STILL REQUIRED FORMAL CABINET APPROVAL.

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH TCO DECEMBER 16, ROBERT BUCHAN (SPECIAL POLICY ADVISOR, DOC) CONFIRMED WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAIL PREVIOUS INDICATIONS (REFTEL) THAT DECISION WHEN IT FINALLY COMES IS LIKELY TO BE FAVORABLE WITH RESPECT TO PRINCIPLE OF MORITORIUM BUT

EQUIVOCAL WITH RESPECT TO TIMEFRAME. BUCHAN ALLUDED TO
DIFFICULTIES IN BRINGING CERTAIN CABINET MEMBERS ALONG ON
DECISION WHICH HE ATTRIBUTED TO INADEQUATE BRIEFINGS. SINCE
HE PREDICTED WE WOULD HAVE A FAVORABLE RESPONSE BEFORE
CHRISTMAS (THIS WAS BEFORE DECEMBER 16 CABINET MEETING), EMBASSY
ASSUMES DIFFICULTIES HAVE BEEN OVERCOME.
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